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6. ^{B2} The system of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized master data base.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of icons representing respective physical or non-physical attributes pertaining to said ~~structure.~~

8. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as a physical representation in said electronic model.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein said physical representation is depicted as an icon.


10. ^{Sub B3} The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as textual information in said electronic model.

11. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for notifying a user of said information.

12. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for updating said data storage system.

13. ^{Sub B4} The system of claim 1, wherein said system is interactive.

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14.  The system of claim 1, wherein said system is capable of linking with outside information sources to gather and store said information.

15. A method for storing and maintaining information related to a structure on a data storage system for subsequent retrieval, said method comprising the steps of:
- providing and storing an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of said structure on an accessible computer network;
- assembling feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said information also stored on said accessible computer network; and
- assembling non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-physical information also stored on said accessible computer network.
16. ~~The method of claim 6, wherein said data base may be updated as often as needed to maintain accurate and up-to-date information regarding said structure.~~
17. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of providing means for notifying a user of said information.
18. The method of claim 6, wherein said steps are conducted via a network.
19. ~~The method of claim 9, wherein said network is a global information network.~~
20. The method of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized data base.

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21. 87 > The method of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of icons representing respective physical and non-physical attributes pertaining to said structure.

22. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating said data storage system as needed.

23. ~~The method of claim 1, wherein said data storage system is user interactive.~~ B

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24. 88 > ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of linking with outside data bases to gather and store information on said data storage system.~~

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- A computer-readable data transmission signal containing a data structure, said computer-readable data transmission signal comprising:
- a first portion identifying an electronic model of a structure contained in a data storage system that a client is requesting from a server, wherein said client may receive detailed information regarding the physical characteristics of said structure; and
- a second portion identifying a session for communicating between said client and said server, said session allowing a user to receive information pertaining to said structure.
26. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said information comprises feature specific information.
27. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said information comprises non-physical information.
28. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said signal propagates across a network.
29. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 28, wherein said network is a global information network.

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30.

A computer-readable memory for storing and maintaining information related to a structure, said computer-readable memory configured so that it can be used to direct a computer:

to gather and store an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of said structure on an accessible computer network;

to gather and store feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said information also stored on said accessible computer network;

to gather and store non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-physical information also stored on said accessible computer network;

to access and retrieve said information related to said structure; and

to present said information related to said structure to a graphical user interface.

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The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 30, wherein said signal propagates across a network.

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The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 31, wherein said network is a global information network.